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	F	Enclo	osed is a reply for the above-identified	paten	t application.
	[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is a	lso en	closed.
	[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$5 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.	55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37
	[]	Also enclosed is/are		·
	[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.		
[] Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enc. [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
					sly unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be quested based on the enclosed documents
			[] Applicant(s) previously submitte requested.	ed	on, for which continued examination is
			does not exceed three months fro	om th	etion by the Office until at least, which e filing of this RCE, in accordance with fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
	[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration (1809/2809) is also enclosed	on of	Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

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- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
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Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
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[]	A check in the amou	int of \$	is enclosed for the fee due.
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	o. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

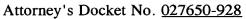
Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the application for the following reasons: